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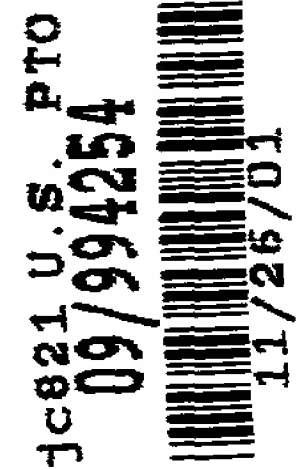
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of John C. Delo, entitled SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND VALIDATION USING CUSTOM ACTIONS.

- X 1a. This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/157,776, filed September 21, 1998, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The subject matter of application No. 09/157,776 is specifically incorporated herein by reference. This application is also related to the following applications, which were filed on September 21, 1998 and assigned to the same assignee as the parent application and titled: "Use of Relational Databases for Software Installation," nonprovisional U.S. patent application No. 09/158,125; and "Method and System for Restoring a Computer to its Original State," nonprovisional U.S. patent application No. 09/158,124.
- X 1b. A copy of the request for a 1-month extension of time (including Check No. 133863 in the amount of \$110.00) to extend pendency of the prior application to at least the filing date of this application is enclosed.
- X 2. An application consisting of 26 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 4 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 3. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation or divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]

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_____ a. Please delete the following inventor named in the prior application, such deleted person not being an inventor of the subject matter claimed herein:

 X b. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

 X 4. The prior application was assigned to Microsoft Corporation, by an Assignment recorded at Reel 9615/Frame 0856.

 X 5. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		
Basic Fee							740
Total Claims	29 - 20	=	9	x	18	=	162
Independent Claims	6 - 3	=	3	x	84	=	252
	TOTAL						\$1154

 X 6. Our Check No. 133864 in the amount of \$1154.00 to cover the total fee as computed above is enclosed.

 X 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

_____ 8. Please note the accompanying Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i). I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. It is requested that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

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